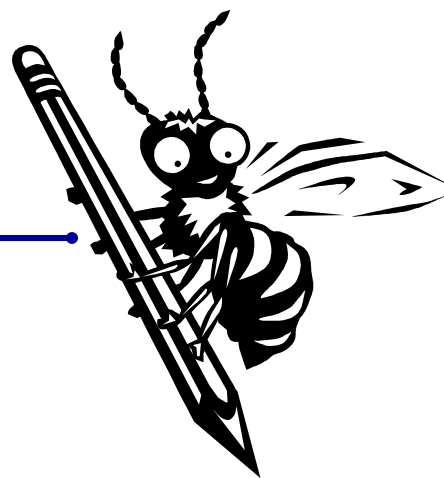


Youth Services Notes

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Summer Reading Program 2010



Clipart

Clipart for the summer reading program may be downloaded from the Internet at <http://www.vpl.lib.va.us/youth/programs/srp/logos.asp>

The files are rather large and may take some time. If you can not download them, please contact either Enid or Paranita for an alternative format.

Materials

The deadline has passed for ordering materials for the summer reading program. If you are in need of print materials or incentives, please contact JanWay at 800.877.5242.

The Great Scavenger Hunt Contest

Get kids excited about reading with the nationwide Great Scavenger Hunt Contest™ reading program (<http://www.kaycassidy.com/hunt/>). Adopted by more than 250 school and public libraries, The Hunt provides a monthly trivia contest for readers ages 8 – 19, based on over 300 young adult and middle grade novels. Readers select a book and answer ten trivia questions accompanied by a special note from the author. For school and public librarians in the U.S. and Canada, The Hunt provides free, year-round programming to engage kids and teens in reading week after week.

Founded by young adult author Kay Cassidy, The Hunt was created to assist librarians as they face severe budget cuts. “As an author and proud owner of a well-worn library card,” says Cassidy, “I wanted to give back to all the librarians whose book recommendations have fed my imagination over the years and helped me grow as a writer.”

To participate, readers (a.k.a. hunters) select and read a book, print out and complete the author-created book trivia challenge, and return it to their participating librarian. Eight out of 10 correct answers enters them in the monthly drawing to win a \$50 gift card to the bookstore of their choice.

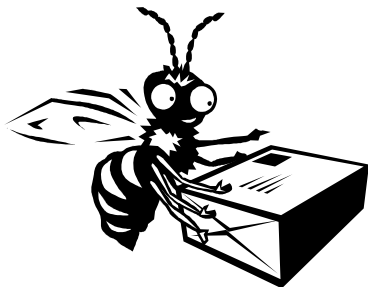
When a reader wins, their library wins too: a tote bag filled with a choice of Hunt books for its collection.

Taken from LISWire The Librarians News Wire (<http://liswire.com/>)

Points of Interest

- The Library of Virginia will be closed on January 15 and 18
- If the internet connection is not available at the Library of Virginia , you may reach us at the following telephone numbers:
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- We the People Bookshelf on A More Perfect Union applications may be found at publicprograms.ala.org/bookshelf
Applications are due January 28
- Library of Virginia Mini Grant Applications due March 15. Applications and information may be found at <http://www.vpl.lib.va.us/funding/index.asp>

from PubYac



Thank you to everyone who contributed inspiring titles that would revive, refresh and restore my love for this wonderful profession of ours... the top five books were:

The Fair Garden and the Swarm of Beasts : the Library and the Young Adult

by Margaret A Edwards

The Book Whisperer : Awakening the Inner Reader in Every Child

by Donalyn Miller

Radical Change : Books for Youth in a Digital Age

by Eliza T Dresang

The Power of Reading : Insights from the Research

by Stephen D Krashen

The Read-Aloud handbook

by Jim Trelease

Patricia Sarles Jerome
Parker Campus Library NY

Thanks for all your wonderful ideas and suggestions for Thomas and general train crafts!
Jennifer Wharton, Matheson Memorial Library

Thomas the Tank Engine/Train Crafts

When I did a Thomas program in the past, I did a kind of musical chairs on a train track. I made the wheel tracks out of masking tape and then I just taped down pieces of brown construction paper to be the track part. We pulled off one track each time so that there were less to stand on when the music stopped. Kids didn't mind getting eliminated too much, but this was for slightly younger kids, so maybe they didn't get it.:) We also decorated train whistles that I bought cheaply from Oriental Trading, and decorated as many train cars from Ellison Die Cuts as they wanted to string together to make a train. Hope that helps!

What about toilet paper tube train engines?

We do a simple red caboose and a black or blue engine and glue each on separate popsicle sticks or tongue depressors. They're a big hit. I print the name of a story read with the author/illustrator's name on the back of the engine and the word caboose on the back of the caboose.

I don't know whether you've ever checked out the website Peppers and Pollywogs, but I get a lot of good ideas from it when I'm doing party-ish stuff. I found the following about Thomas the Tank:

For Activities:

As an opening activity, lay out a big sheet of butcher paper, and have the kids enjoy drawing their own railroad tracks and the famous Thomas the Tank Engine! Also, free play is good. Have all of your Thomas toys out so the kids can play with them, too. You could have a Thomas video playing, if you like. Additionally, bright red and blue play dough can be put out so the kids can create their own Thomases as well. If you have all of this going on at the same time, make sure you have enough adults to supervise.

Play Mr. Conductor Says, like Simon Says.

Play Pin the Nose on Thomas!

Play Hot Train, like Hot Potato, but using a Thomas train!

Cut out sugar cookies in the shape of trains, and have the kids decorate them using red and blue frosting, M&Ms, sprinkles, etc.

Here's the link to the website for more:

<http://www.pepperspollywogs.com/blog/index.php/thomas-the-tank-party-ideas/>

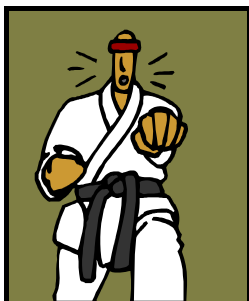
How about train hats? We made ours with a simple paper headband - think crown only with a gentle wavy pattern at the top instead of points. We used paper cut into rectangles - about 2 by 3 inches for the train cars and we used round sticky dots (circle labels) for the wheels. We happen to have an Ellison die of a locomotive, so we used that for the engine.

All kids had to do was glue on the rectangles in a row, add the wheels and color. We then just tapes or stapled them to fit the child's head. There are Thomas the Tank coloring sheets at this website

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/transportation/mthomasposter.html>

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Upcoming Workshops



Black Belt Librarians

Presented by

Warren Graham

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Radford Public Library – Tuesday March 2, 2010

Hampton Public Library – Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Henrico County Public Library – Thursday, March 4, 2010

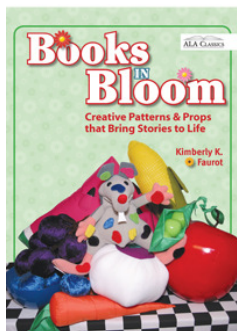
Warren Graham is nationally renowned as an expert of day-to-day library security procedures. He has been a security professional for twenty-five years, and he spent the last seventeen years as the Security and Safety Manager for the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, developing and overseeing their program. Some of the areas he will address are:

- Essential elements of a truly effective security program
- How to inform patrons of rules in a way that will most ensure compliance
- How to recognize levels of emotion that a patron may be in and strategies on how best to respond
- Ten maxims of security no matter the size of your library
- Easy ways to document your security and safety matters

Cost: \$30.00 (Lunch included) Registration information is available on our calendar:

<http://host5.evanced.info/lva/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>

For more information contact Cindy S. Church at (804) - 692-3773 or cindy.church@lva.virginia.gov



Bringing Your Storytimes to Life Using Puppets and Pizzazz

Presented by

Kimberly Faurot

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Abingdon - Monday, April 26, 2010

Lynchburg - Tuesday, April 27, 2010

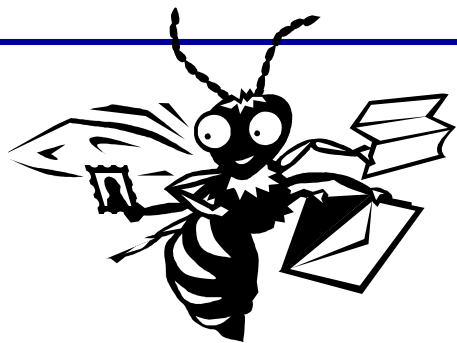
Chinn Park - Thursday, April 29, 2010

Richmond - Friday, April 30, 2010

Kimberly Faurot, author of **Books in Bloom: Creative Patterns & Props that Bring Stories to Life**, **Mother Goose Rhyme Time series** and **Storytime Around the Year**. Kim will showcase different methods of presenting children's literature in alternative ways, as well as suggestions for creatively integrating early literacy concepts into storytime programming. Both simple and complex presentation ideas will be included, as well as an overview of rudimentary puppetry techniques. Her books will be sold at the workshop.

Cost \$25.00 (includes light brunch and box lunch)

To register for the workshop go to <http://host5.evanced.info/lva/evanced/eventcalendar.asp> and click on date of the program. For more information, contact Enid Costley.



Notes from the Desk of the Children's and Youth Services Consultant

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Welcome

Natalie Frost — Children's Librarian
Lewis Egerton Smoot Memorial Library

Kudos

Williamsburg Regional Library recently launched a picture book blog for preschool parents and Early Childhood Educators called Pied Piper Pics. To See it go to www.wrl.org and click on Library Blogs!

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I did this one at my Thomas party a few years ago. It's not too hard if the parents help.
<http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/transportation/mthomas.html>

We made train door hangers using the train Ellison die cut, fun-foam, pom-poms, markers and glue. The kids drew train tracks, glued the train engine and three puffs of smoke coming out of the smokestack--pom-poms.

How about a train mural? Using geometric shapes, draw the outline of a train on a roll of paper and supply corresponding geometric shapes cut (or ellisoned) out of colorful construction paper for the kids to glue or tape in place on the mural. I presume that parents will be present to help, right? Then you can hang the finished product in your picture book area for a while for all to admire! Or, allow them to create their own train picture from the shapes (build your own train).

Our teen volunteers cut out colorful triangles, squares, circles, and rectangles from construction paper. Preschoolers used these pieces to construct a basic train, gluing the shapes onto a large piece of construction paper. We then used markers to "decorate" the train and draw a track.

An activity we used was creating a Thomas the Tank engine using circles, squares, triangles, etc. Give a child (with parent at 4 years old probably?) a set of shapes and paper to glue them on. We had foam stick on letters and I think used them for child's name or initials on train. We also had purchased a photo magnet craft kit from Oriental Trading that had the black train shape cut out and just glue on colored circles, triangles rectangles, other shapes, had a sign that said I Think I Can, I Think I Can, a small "passport" size photo fit into the door of the train. Another fun decoration the librarian made was taping black oversized wheels on book covers and creating a book train of recently added books on the walls.

You could always do "Put the caboose or engine or tank car, etc at the right place in the train" game... similar to "Pin the tail on the Donkey" game....you could even have different parts of Thomas and have kids figure out where they go. Use large poster boards and have cutouts....do this without a blindfold. Then they could have an individual engine or caboose or tank car and have 2 or 3 items to glue on and then color.

We did an edible craft a few years ago for a Thomas storytime. I used Twinkies (cake with filling that looks like a mini train) and frosted them with ready made frosting. The kids decorated their 'train' with gumdrops, M & M's to make a face, licorice whips for the side and another gum drop for the smoke stack. I encourage bringing them home and supplied little baggies for the goody to be brought home.